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(54) STYLUS WITH MULTIPLE INPUTS

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(57) ABSTRACT

According to some embodiments, an electronic stylus including flexible contact members disposed at a distal end of the housing, and at least some of which are capable of independently flexing relative to one another when contacting a protective layer of an electronic device. The components further include a sensor capable of (i) detecting a change in flexure of the flexible contact members in accordance with the contacting, and (ii) responding to the change in flexure by providing a corresponding detection signal. The components can include a processor capable of generating a feedback instruction that is based upon the change in flexure. The component can include a communications unit that responds to the feedback instruction by transmitting a feedback parameter to the electronic device such that a graphical output is presented at a display of the electronic device in accordance with the change in flexure.

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